1203. [Transferred to 11th Sept. 91]

"Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980"

1204. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation has been received by Government complaining that development works are getting delayed due to the long procedures for securing clearances under the Forest (Conservation) Act;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to fix specific time limit for giving final clearance to the proposals under the Act; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to see that development projetcs are not unduly held up under the Forest (Conservation) Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No specific time limit has been fixed for giving final clearances to the proposals under the Forest Conservation Act. However, specific time limits have been laid down at different stage to ensure speedy disposal.

(c) Powers have been delegated to the Regional Offices under the Ministry to dispose of cases involving forest diversion of less than one hectare. Relaxations and simplification in procedures have been provided for in the guidelines, thus, facilitating formulation and speedier disposals of such proposals.

Pending Proposals for Irrigation Projects in Gujarat

1205. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of proposals which are pending under the Forest (Conservation) Act in respect of medium|minor irrigation projects in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that considerable period lapses before the necessary permission is granted by Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to delegate any powers to State Governments under the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 11 medium|minor irrigation projects are pending in the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act as on 31-8-91.

(b) Proposals complete in all respects received from the State Governments are expeditiously cleared. However, incomplete proposals are referred back to the State Governments for furnishing the required information. This some times contributes to delay when the State Government do not furnish requisite information promptly.

(c) No, Sir.

विलम्बित पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति के कारण विकास परियोजनाओं में विलम्ब

1206. **श्री विश्वासराव राघवराव पाटिल:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पर्यावरणीय दृष्टि से परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति मिलने में होने वाले विलम्ब के कारण विभिन्न विकास परियोजनाओं का कार्य प्रभावित हुआ है ; और

(ख) राज्यों से स्वीकृति के लिए 15 जून, 1991 तक कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए और उन पर उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं।

15 जून, 1991 तक मंत्रालय को भेजी गई विकास परियोजनाओं पर विचार की स्थिति नीचे दी गई है :-

क्र० सं०	परियोजना की किस्म	भेजी गई परियोजनाओं की संख्या	निर्यात परियोजनाओं की संख्या	लम्बित परियोजनाएं
1.	नदी घाटी	600	596	4
2.	औद्योगिक	224	186	38
3.	खनन	270	230	40
4.	ताप	277	262	15
5.	परमाणु शक्ति	13	9	5
6.	अन्य .	274	254	20
	जोड़	1658	1536	122

जिन परियोजनाओं के साथ पूरा ब्यौरा भेजा जाता है, उनपर आम तौर पर तीन महीने के भीतर निर्णय ले लिया जाता है। निर्णय केवल तभी लम्बित रहता है जब अपेक्षित पर्यावरणीय आंकड़े और कार्य योजनाएं एक उचित समय-सीमा के भीतर प्रस्तुत नहीं की जाती हैं।

Policy on Monitoring of AIDS Cases

1207. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minster of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the 'Indian Express' of the 28th August, 1991 captioned "AIDS patient found hanging";

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any enquiry into this AIDS death;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government are constantly monitoring the treatment facilities for AIDS patients all over the country;

(e) whether any directions have been given to the State Governments to immediately report AIDS cases;

(f) whether it is a fact that there is no monitoring or liaison between the Centre and State health authorities on AIDS cases;

(g) what measures are being considered to maintain close watch over AIDS cases all over the country; and

(h) what are the reasons for not setting up a Special Task Force to deal with AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Government has seen the news item.

(b) and (c) The Collector, Madurai conducted an enquiry.

Patient was under medical treatment at the Rajaji Hospital attached to Madurai Medical College, Madras.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. The AIDS Surveillance Centre established all over the country report the HIV Sero-positive cases.

(f) No. There is constant monitoring|liasion between Centre and State Health authorities on AIDS cases.

(g) Periodically information about the Sero-positive HIV and AIDS cases are coming from the State Governments Surveillance centre.

(h) A National AIDS Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is already existing to discuss the various modalities of implementing the National AIDS Control Programme uniformly throughout the country.

A Sub-Committee had also been framed to draw up the infection control guidelines and Hospital policies to deal with the HIV infection|AIDS